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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 12/6/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 December 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the attorney, Mr. Gregory Howison, on January 6, 2005. Specifically, claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 are amended to overcome objections due to lack of antecedent basis with "the first and second cylindrical rollers" of claim 1 line 10, "cylindrical roll" of claim 4 and "other means for securing" in claim 6. Claim 14 is amended to correct typographical errors. See amendment claims below.

Amended claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for aligning ~~a plurality of~~ at least first and second cylindrical rollers comprising:

a light emitter having a horizontal planar light source for generating a horizontal planar light signal and a vertical planar light source for generating a vertical planar light signal;

a reflector unit having a reflective surface for receiving the vertical light signal from the light emitter unit and returning a reflected vertical light signal;

a horizontal lineal indicator on the exterior of the reflector unit;

a vertical lineal indicator on the light emitter unit; and

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wherein by aligning the horizontal planar light signal with the horizontal lineal indicator and by aligning the reflected vertical light signal with the vertical lineal indicator, the longitudinal axes of the first and second cylindrical rollers are substantially parallel to each other.

3.(Currently amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the light emitter unit and the reflector unit are each laterally disposed in a respective mounting bracket, said respective mounting brackets mounted on a respective one of said first and second cylindrical rollers.

4.(Currently amended) The system of claim 3, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ said respective mounting brackets each further comprises a lower portion for contacting ~~[[a]]~~ the respective one of said first and second cylindrical rollers.

6.(Currently amended) The system of claim 4, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ said respective mounting brackets each further comprises ~~[[a]]~~ at least two straps of nylon webbing[[,]] or linked metal chains, ~~or other means for securing the mounting bracket to the cylindrical roll.~~

14.(Currently amended) A method for aligning a plurality of cylindrical rollers comprising:

mounting a light emitter unit to the surface of a first cylindrical roller, the light emitter unit having a horizontal planar light source for generating a horizontal planar light signal and a vertical planar light source for generating a vertical planar light signal;

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mounting a reflector unit to the surface of a second cylindrical roller, the reflector unit having a reflective surface for receiving the vertical light signal from the light emitter unit and returning a reflected vertical light signal;

activating the horizontal planar ~~planer~~ light source and the vertical planar ~~planer~~ light source;

adjusting the orientation of the second roller in the vertical plane to align the horizontal planar ~~planer~~ light signal with a horizontal lineal indicator on the exterior of the reflector unit;

adjusting the orientation of the second roller in the horizontal plane to align the reflected vertical light signal with a vertical lineal indicator on the light emitter unit; and

wherein by aligning the horizontal planar light signal with the horizontal lineal indicator and by aligning the reflected vertical light signal with the vertical lineal indicator, the longitudinal axes of the first and second cylindrical rollers are substantially parallel to each other.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of **claims 7-13** to inventions II and III non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, **claims 7-13** have been cancelled.

3. **Claims 1-6 and 14** are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to **claim 1**, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious in a system for aligning cylindrical rollers a light emitter having a horizontal

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planar light source for generating a horizontal planar light signal and a vertical planar light source for generating a vertical planar light signal wherein by aligning the horizontal planar light signal with the horizontal lineal indicator and by aligning the reflected vertical light signal with the vertical lineal indicator, the longitudinal axes of the first and second cylindrical rollers are substantially parallel to each other, in combination with the rest of the limitations of **claims 1-6**.

As to **claim 14**, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a method for aligning a plurality of cylindrical rollers the longitudinal axes of the first and second cylindrical rollers are substantially parallel to each other by aligning the horizontal planar light signal with the horizontal lineal indicator and by aligning the reflected vertical light signal with the vertical lineal indicator, in combination with the rest of the limitations of **claim 14**.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed December 6, 2004, with respect to the rejection of **claims 1-6 and 14** under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of **claims 1-6 and 14** has been withdrawn. Specifically, Examiner agrees that the Belfiore references '294 and '297 lack an emitter unit comprising both a vertical planar light source and a horizontal planar light source.

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- 2) Should be unsigned by the attorney or agent.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gordon J. Stock whose telephone number is (571) 272-2431.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr., can be reached at 571-272-2800 ext 77.

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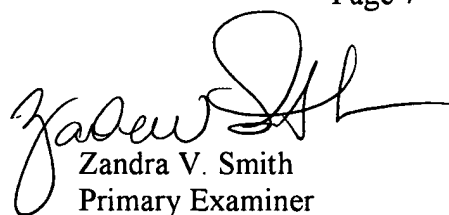
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